Consumption of Chemical Fertilizers

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SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN' : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country has increased during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details regarding consumption of all kinds of chemical fertilizers during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) the details of production of such fertilizers in the country during each of the above years;

(d) whether there is likely to be shortage of some chemical fertilizers in the country during the current year; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The raising trend in fertiliser consumption during past few years had halted in 2000-2001. The consumption and production of fertilisers in NPK terms during 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 had been as under :

(In lakh tonnes)

Nutrient	1998-1999		1999-2000		2000-2001	
	Consump-tion	Produc-tion	Consump-tion	Produc-tion	Consump-tion	Produc-tion
N	113.54	104.80	115.92	108.90	109.20	109.61
P	41.12	31.41	47.99	33.98	42.15	37.43
K	13.32	*	16.78	-*	15.67	-*
Total	167.98	136.21	180.69	142.88	167.02	147.04

*The entire requirement of Potash (K) is met through imports.

(d) No shortage of major fertilisers is anticipated during the current year. gap, if any, in demand and supply is bridged through imports.

(e) Question does not arise.

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